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1. CONFIRM UNDERSTANDING AS PER REFTEL. USEC/J SECRETARIAT,
PLANNING COMMITTEE AGREE TO HANDLE TRAVEL AS OUTLINED.
FOLLOWING REVIEWS BACKGROUND AND STATUS OF INVITATIONS.

2. IN PRINCIPLE CONFERENCE IS ACADEMIC AND INVITATIONS
WILL BE ISSUED SCHOLAR-TO-SCHOLAR. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO
IDENTIFY DELEGATES CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE MUST REPLY
ON BINATIONAL COMMISSIONS OR CAO'S IN EACH COUNTRY AND
ADVICE OF U.S. ACADEMIC COUNTERPARTS. EXCEPT FOR CASES
LISTED BELOW, PLANNING COMMITTEE HAS WRITTEN TO CAO'S AND
COMMISSIONS IN EACH ASIAN COUNTRY AND RECEIVED ANSWERS FROM
MOST. COMMITTEE WILL WRITE AGAIN NEXT MONTH TO THOSE WHICH
HAVE NOT PROVIDED SPECIFIC NOMINATIONS OR LISTED NAMES
BY PRIORITY. COMMITTEE DOES NOT INTEND TO MAKE
ARBITRARY DECISIONS BUT HOPES TO RECEIVE EASILY IDENTIFI-
FIABLE TOP CHOICES AND ALTERNATES. SO FAR FULL AND
FINAL DELEGATIONS IDENTIFIED ONLY FOR MALAYSIA, SOUTH
KOREA, TAIWAN.

3. EXCEPTIONS TO ABOVE:
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PEKING -- PLANNING COMMITTEE WROTE LETTER TO
INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REQUESTING NOMINATION
SUGGESTIONS.

RANGOON -- LETTERS TO JAPANESE AND AMERICAN EMBASSIES (CAO).

AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND -- COPIES OF LETTERS TO
FOUNDATIONS ALSO SENT TO CONTACTS SUGGESTED BY WINKS
(HARPER, AUST.; SALMON, NZ).

FIJI -- LETTER ONLY TO CONTACT SUGGESTED BY WINKS
(DUNOON, UNIV. SOUTH PACIFIC).

4. PLANNING COMMITTEE HOPES TO SEND ACTUAL INVITATIONS
IN MARCH, IF INFORMATION IS COMPLETE BY THEN.

5. PLANNING COMMITTEE INTENDS TO COMPLETE GATHERING
NAMES AS BEST AND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SEND COPIES OF
FINAL LIST OF DELEGATES TO AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION
IN U.S. AND TO BCICA (WINKS) COMMITTEE FOR COMMENT.
POST WILL ALSO FORWARD LIST TO AGENCY AND DEPARTMENT
WHICH MAY RECONFIRM WITH EACH EA POST. ONCE AGREED,
PLANNING COMMITTEE WILL MAIL LETTERS OF INVITATION
DIRECTLY TO INDIVIDUAL SCHOLARS.

6. NUMBER TO BE INVITED:

BURMA - 2	AUSTRALIA - 3
PRC - 3	NEW ZEALAND - 2
THAILAND - 4	SOUTH KOREA - 5
SOUTH VIETNAM - 2	TAIWAN - 5
MALAYSIA - 2	HONG KONG - 2
INDONESIA - 4	SINGAPORE - 2
PHILIPPINES - 4	FIJI - 1
USA - 5	

7. OUR UNDERSTANDING ON TRAVEL IS THAT INVITEES
CAN COME TO JAPAN ON THEIR OWN, RAISE FUNDS FROM THEIR
FAVORITE BENEFACTORS, OR POSTS CAN COVER FROM GOE. IF
NECESSARY, POSTS OR BINATIONAL COMMISSIONS MAY ASK THE
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BINATIONAL COMMISSION IN JAPAN (USEC/J) TO PROVIDE PRE-
PAID FLIGHT TICKETS THROUGH AIRLINES OR AMERICAN EXPRESS.
USEC/J DOES NOT INTEND TO JUDGE WHO GETS TRAVEL SUPPORT;
POSTS, AGENCY, OR DEPARTMENT SHOULD CONFIRM NAMES VIA
THIS CHANNEL. CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE WILL ALSO
APPROVE USEC/J TICKET PURCHASES.
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